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1. There are 771 regularly-scheduled, direct flights from the U.K. to the U.S. per week, plus a number of connections through other European countries. Most UK carriers flying to the US are members of an air carrier alliance providing passengers with easy ticketing, connections, code sharing and generally seamless air transport, even while using different carriers.

2. The following table shows the U.S. gateway cities served, the airlines that operate the routes, and the weekly flight frequency. It includes only direct, non-stop UK-US gateway flights with the exception of Icelandair/FI, who operate via Reykjavik (Keflavik Airport). These 13 international airlines operate flights to 27 gateway cities in the USA and hope to expand their reach in the future.

Airport Code - Gateway City	AA	AI	BA	BMI	CO	DL	FI	KU	NW	NZ	UA	US	VA		Total:
ATL - Atlanta			7			31									38
BWI - Baltimore			7				5								12
BOS - Boston	14		21				7				7		7		56
CLT - Charlotte			7									7			14
CLE - Cleveland					7										7
CVG - Cincinnati						7									7
DFW - Dallas Fort Worth			7												7
DEN - Denver			7												7
DTW - Detroit			7						7						14
IAH - Houston			7		14										21
LAS - Las Vegas													2		2
LAX - Los Angeles	7		14							7	7		14		49
MIA - Miami	7		14												21
MSP - Minneapolis							6						7		13
NYC/EWR - New York City/Newark	49	7	65		21		5	3			21		28		199
MCO - Orlando			7				2						20		29
ORD - Chicago	49		14	7							21				91
PHL - Philadelphia			14									21			35
PHX - Phoenix			7												7
PIT - Pittsburgh												7			7
RDU - Raleigh-Durham	7														7
SAN - San Diego			5												5
STL - St. Louis	14														14
SFO - San Francisco			14								14		7		35
SEA - Seattle			7												7
TPA - Tampa			4												4
IAD - Washington, D.C.			21	7							28		7		63
<b>Total:</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>92</b>		<b>771</b>

\*\*\*Virgin Atlantic is adding flights to New York and Washington in response to the upturn in transatlantic travel. A fifth daily service between Heathrow and New York JFK will be added in October and a second daily service between Heathrow and Washington will start in June.

AIRLINES: AA/American Airlines, AI/Air India, BA/British Airways, BMI/British Midlands International, CO/Continental Airlines, DL/Delta Airlines, FI/Icelandair, KU/Kuwait Airlines, NW/Northwest, NZ/Air New Zealand, UA/United Airlines, US/US Air, VA/Virgin Atlantic

3. British Airways (BA) dominates the UK-US, North Atlantic routes, operating 256 flights to 20 US gateways, almost twice as many as its nearest competitor, American Airlines (AA) with 147 flights to 7 gateways. United Airlines is third with 98 flights to 6 gateways. Another British carrier, Virgin Atlantic, is in hot pursuit of the three with 92 weekly services to 8 gateways.

4. Airlines are constantly upgrading their services by replacing old aircraft, increasing passenger capacity, seat width and spacing, and adding sleeper seats in business class. In addition, they continue to add luxury comforts such as on-board computer and telecom services, express check-in, and luxurious business/first class airport lounges for use on both departure and arrival.

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